The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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FROM THE EDITOR!

Afternoon Fellow Members!

Well, Sue and I spent some time living in the big white floating hotel in the picture above, which was taken in Bermuda. Check out the color of that tropical water! Very nice.

On a more serious note: got a computer virus last week. I did not get a virus, but my PC did. Thanks to the fine folks at McAfee, no damage was done, but during the process I had to upgrade to Windows11.

That led to some compatibility problems with the previous version of the Publisher program which I'm still working my way thru. So bear with me for a while and we'll be back to normal soon!

73 Gary WG7X

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Radio Club of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
April 6, 2022

Meeting called to order at 19:00 by President Mike W7XTZ

Officers and Directors Present

President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Vice President	Adam Barbera W2NCC
Secretary	Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer	Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board	Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board	Phil Pia K7PIA

Quorum? A quorum of board members was present, and a total of fifteen people attended all or part of the meeting in person or via Zoom.

Silent Key **or Illness?**
Dave W7UUU injured hand is getting better. K7GBM Nolan's wife who had cancer passed away recently.

Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2022, RCT BOD meeting. Without objections the minutes were approved as posted.

Secretary's Report (W7MKE)

April is the due month to update our listing as an ARRL Special Service Club and that was recently done. Please let me know if there should be corrections. I also filed with the Washington Secretary of State our non-profit organization filing. All other stuff is just routine incoming stuff.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD)

Steve submitted a written report to the BOD (attached).

Committee / Reports
Membership **(W7XH/K7GRS)**

Mike W7XH has a link for the PayPal website to see the form that Randy WB4SPB has set up so he can work on a cart for PayPal to make membership transactions. So, still testing to confirm forms and procedures are in place and working correctly.

Membership stands at 261: 36 Lifetime, 67 full, 132 Senior, 3 Associates, 10 Family, 6 promotional and 5 Honorary members.

Library (AD7AV)

George K7GRS reported there were 16 new books added to the library.

Training (AD7AB)

Stephen AD7AB's report given on March 9 at General Membership Meeting: We had a very successful class this weekend (March 5-6) with a total of 8 students. They had several compliments concerning the club. Thanks for all your support. Next class April 9-10.

VE (AC7WW)

Last report from 3/8/22 VE testing was given at 3/9/22 General membership meeting. Next session 4/12/22

Info Tech and Website (WB4SPB)

All computer systems nominal. There is now an EMCOM computer on the VHF/UHF station. The website is working nominally, if anyone sees needed updates, please let Randy know. Randy was asked to see about a website counter to track how much the website is being visited.

HF Operations (K7PIA)

Phil reported that all HF stations are working. See www.contestcalendar.com for upcoming radio sport. Lots of state QSO parties this month. Rookie Roundup sideband is this month. Next month 7QP. Don't forget to come upstairs to operate the radios. With rookie roundup upcoming perhaps we can get some of the new members involved.
Other improvements/projects: new jumpers were installed on the patch panels. A new rotator controller was installed on the VHF/UHF 6M tower, and it now operates. There is an attach ment on the patch panel for 6M antenna so our HF radios here also have 6M capabilities so you can do 6M now on most of our radios.

Tower (K7MO)

Adam W2NCC reports that Nick K7MO is getting some standoffs for the tower and gathering other parts for the tower so that work should occur soon.

Repeater Ops (N7OMS) No report. Repeaters are working fine.

Facilities Management. (W2NCC)

Adam reports that he wants to organize a work party to do some of the smaller projects like power washing, hedge trimming, weed eating, etc. Adam and Randy will put together information for an email blast.

Property Management (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC reports that from March 1st to 12th (M&K) income was $3032. Following M&K we sold $460 more during March for a total March income of $3492. Red moved to dispose of the items on his disposal list (attached). **The motion was seconded and approved**.
Red once again indicated he needed new members for his PMT committee to help.

Museum (KD7SV)

Mike W7XTZ indicated that he used the museum tube testers to check his linear amplifier tubes last Saturday. The museum has two different tube testers that seem to work and are used to test tubes for our members who have projects. Dan KD7SV reported that all the museum radios are working and there has been ongoing work on some of the equipment. Also for those interested in learning CW there is a class developing so check with Dan to get that information. Randy WB4SPB reported the 10M CW net has moved to 15M @ 21.049 from about 19:00 to 20:00 Monday nights.

Wednesdays Workshop (WB4SPB)

TBD

General Meeting Program: Deployable Antennas for field work (W7MKE and others)

Unfinished Business

Nothing offered

New Business

Nothing offered

Activity Reports, Discussion Topics, Announcements

Steve AF7YD reported that he had contact with Stan K7DKK Pierce County Emergency Co-Ordinator who reported that red cross was changing their procedure for managing Health and Welfare reporting during large emergency events need to establish new procedures. Larry Watson KD4VOM indicated that the Pierce County EmCom community and ARRL staff are aware of the Red Cross issue and are collaborating with them to produce better procedures.

Adam W2NCC is working with Bob AD7LJ about using the Western State grounds for Field Day again but if we can't we will have to find an alternate site.

There was discussion about when/where to have membership meetings to improve attendance.

Do not forget to attend this month's membership meeting as we have an important vote on an Honorary Membership.

Adjournment was at 20:09 local.

Submitted by,

Mike Drorbaugh -W7MKE
Secretary

Radio Club of Tacoma
General Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022

Officers and Directors Present
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Secretary Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board Phil Pia K7PIA
Board Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board Bruce Hansen WE7P
Meeting Called to Order at: 19:01 Local by President Mike W7XTZ
Flag Salute by members present led by Mike W7MKE.

Quorum? Thirty-four voting members attended all or part of the meeting in person or via Zoom. A quorum was present.
Welcome and Acknowledgement of New Members and Visitors: No new members or visitors were noted.

Health and Welfare/Silent Key & Illness
Nolan Glenn K7GBM lost his wife Michiko to cancer on April 3rd. Services to be at Mountain View Funeral Home.

Voting on Honorary Membership for George Salisbury K7GRS
President Mike W7XTZ read the contributions and accomplishments of George Salisbury K7GRS as published in the BARK (March 2022 - Vol 19 Issue 3). George K7GRS was then voted unanimously to be awarded an Honorary Membership to the Radio Club of Tacoma.

PROGRAM
Deployable Antennas- Mike W7MKE, Steve AD7VL, Mike W7XH & Mike W7XTZ
Mike W7MKE showed a brief PowerPoint presentation. Steve AD7VL set-up his portable antennas & showed his mobile antennas outside the clubhouse. Mike W7XTZ showed off his SOTA beam with a couple of pictures of his drive-on stand for his buddy pole and passed around his wire antenna for those in attendance to look at. Mike Isakson W7XH showed off several elements of his QRP setups.

Secretary's Report

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Treasurer's Report

Steve AF7YD reported that the largest treasury item this month was paying the Property Taxes of $4,600. He reminded the members that they are welcome to get additional details about club finances by contacting him.

Membership (W7XH/K7GRS)

Mike W7XH reported that membership stands at 261: 36 Lifetime, 67 full, 131 Senior, 3 Associates, 10 Family, 6 promotional and 6 Honorary members.

Training (AD7AB)

Stephen AD7AB reported in writing: We have had another very successful class this weekend. 10 students with 7 completing the course. Those who were unable to complete the course will either test out on Tuesday evening or return for the June class. The June class will be the final class based on the current manual, the fourth edition. Mike AD7TH and I have already begun the process of developing the new course in order to be ready for the October 2022 class. We are both looking forward to a good curriculum.

VE Report (AC7WW)

John AC7WW reported in writing: Tuesday, April 12th your VE Team hosted 20 candidates in our clubhouse at two sessions. Twelve new Technicians joined the Amateur Service. Four candidates upgraded to General, and one candidate passed elements 2, 3, and 4 to join the Amateur Service as an Extra.

Thanks to the following for their service and time.

Leonard, KA7NWF Jan, K7HTU

Rich KK7VH Mike, W7XH

Stephen, AD7AB Phil, K7PIA

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, May 10TH 2022.

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IT Report (WB4SPB) & 4th Wednesday Night Program

Randy WB4SPB reported all computers working nominally. Please report any errors or missing links found on the website. Fourth Wednesday Technical program is to be determined.

Museum (KD7SV)

Dan KD7SV reported the VFO on the Drake TR-4 has been fixed and all the radios in the Museum on the operating bench are in working order. President Mike W7XTZ reminded everyone that the Museum has a very useful repair bench.

Property Management (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC reported a successful March due to the Mike & Key sales of about $3K. He appealed once again for helpers to assist with property management as new items come in all the time that must be identified, checked and made ready for distribution to the club or for sale.

Facilities Management (W2NCC)

Adam W2NCC reminded us that there is a work party scheduled for Sunday April 24th from 10am to noon or so. There are lots of small jobs outside to spruce up the Clubhouse.

Bark Editor (WG7X)

Gary WG7X reminds everyone that articles, pictures and contributions are gladly accepted. They do not necessarily have to be about Ham Radio issues. Thank you for your contributions.

Adjournment at 20:01 local
Submitted by
Mike Drorbaugh –W7MKE
RCT Secretary

MAILBAG!

A note from Bob K7MXE about tools!

A lot of hams have tool boxes to fix this and that and this is about one of those tools.
Having an Xacto knife set is a very handy thing to have around the ham shack.
Doing that trim work on coax connectors, Scraping the solder blob off of moms floor and even trimming the insulation off that wire job you have been putting off.
The set in the picture does not show one knife because I use it so often it never gets back inside the box. Be careful with these things they cut fast and deep
Bob K7MXE

https://www.harborfreight.com/precision-knife-set-13-pc-62784.html

Next From Dave W7UUU we have a nice picture of Mike Isakson W7XH receiving the “Loggers Certificate” for his grandfather Carl Isakson W7EIN. You might remember that Dave has mentioned this certificate being available for anyone who works at least ten W7DK club members, any mode, any time?

Well, Mike’s grandfather originally got award number 4. But it got lost in the mists of time. Dave went back to the archives, found the original records and re-printed the award from 1957!

Atta Boy, Dave! You too, Mike!

The Mighty DK's!

Monthly QSO Report

Each month in the *Bark* the Radio Club of Tacoma recognizes the members and guests who have made non-contest QSOs using the HF stations at our clubhouse. Saturday Open House, especially, is a time when members have access to this equipment. Why not sit down at one of our operating desks and make a contact or two? Assistance is almost always available for those unfamiliar with the equipment, and if your license class doesn't permit HF operation, ask the denizens of the HF Room or the Saturday clubhouse host to help you find a suitably-licensed control operator to sit with you.

It's a feather in the club's hat for the call sign of **The Mighty DK** to be heard on the airwaves. So get on the air and get your name in the *Bark*! (Don't forget to enter your call sign as the operator into our logging program.)

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QSOs in April 2022 (through 4/27)

OP call sign unknown: 26
Mike W7XH: 2
Randy WB4SPB: 2
John KJ7ZPD: 14
Mike W7MKE: 24

The Club LINEUP

Club Officers

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Paul Matney, W7PFU - w7pfu©w7dk.org

Verna Lilly KF7SBC- KF7SCB©w7dk.org

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Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5

Crawford Mountain 147.380 + PL=103.5 (E of Olympia © 1500 ft ASL)

Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

North Tacoma: 145.21 – PL=141.3